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1.(SBU) PolOff delivered demarche (ref A) to Zvi Rav-Ner, Director of the MFA Central Europe Department, who said that IsraelQs position remains unchanged from last week (ref B). On the day Kosovo declared its independence, February 17, the MFA issued the following statement: QRegarding KosovoQs declaration of independence, Israel is monitoring developments and will formulate its position in due course. On February 19, Rav-Ner said that Deputy Foreign Minister Majalli Whbee reiterated that position in a statement to the Knesset, IsraelQs legislature.

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